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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9035

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SPECULATION RE VISIT OF KIM IL-SONG TO TOGO

REF: STATE 236958, OCT. 28, 1974; LOME 2435 OCT 25, 1974

1. IT WAS RUMORED IN LOME PRESS CIRCLES YESTERDAY THAT NORTH KOREA'S KIM IL-SONG WILL VISIT TOGO SOON. FONMIN PRESS OFFICER TODAY SAID PRIVATELY ONLY THAT "IMPORTANT NORTH KOREAN COMING." MEANWHILE, THERE ARE HUGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF KIM IL-SONG, AS WELL AS OF MAURITANIA'S OULD DADDAH, ALONG LOME'S PARADE ROUTE. THIS IS LOCAL PRACTICE HONORING VISITING HEADS OF STATE, AND WE DO KNOW THAT OULD DADDAH IS EXPECTED HERE FOR VISIT OF SEVERAL DAYS IN CONJUNCTION WITH APRIL 27 TOGOLESE INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES.

2. IF KIM IL-SUNG DOES COME TO TOGO, MY PARTICIPATION IN AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONIES WOULD BE OUT OF QUESTION. ON OTHER

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HAND, COM'S HERE ARE NOT "INVITED," BUT RATHER

"REQUESTED," TO BE PRESENT ON SUCH OCCASIONS. PRESIDENT EYADEMA SURELY WOULD BE AT AIRPORT. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, BEST COURSE MIGHT BE TO ABSENT MYSELF FROM COUNTRY, LEAVING CHARGE TO CLAIM "DIPLOMATIC ILLNESS." I WOULD EXPECT TO ATTEND TOGO'S INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES. DEPARTMENT'S CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

3. INCIDENTALLY, GOT HAS NOT ACKNOWLEDGED OR REPLIED TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF PROTEST ON NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S PUBLIC REMARKS HERE LAST OCTOBER REFERRING TO "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS WHO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE PARK CLIQUE" (REFTELS).
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